

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 7, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:01 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Greg Tatum, Senior Minister at First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge - Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge o Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell - Absent: Tom Hodek.
 - D. Mayor Armstrong asked the high school students in the audience to stand up and introduce themselves.
 - E. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and August Tindell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 38, 2004, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS THERETO." (Love) Jeff Bergman gave a brief summary of this Ordinance and asked for final approval. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 39, 2004, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS THERETO." (Wiley) Jeff Bergman gave a brief summary of this Ordinance and asked for final approval. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Ordinance and August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 40, 2004, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY NON-REVERTING FUND." Matt McCord explained the need for the fund to be established

in order for the Police Department to stay current on their technology needs as it pertains to their department. Discussion followed. John Brown made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- D. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.41, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28, 2003 ENTITLED "THE 2004 SALARY ORDINANCE." Brenda Sullivan briefly explained her intent to amend the Salary Ordinance for 2004 in order to pay an employee for compensation hours that had been accumulated over a number of years. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.34, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Georg Utz. Inc.)
Vickie Gochenour, Program Manager of Community Development, introduced Kent Anderson, representative for Georg Utz, Inc. Mr. Anderson requested tax abatement on the purchase of new manufacturing equipment. Mr. Anderson indicated as a result of the tax abatement one new job would be created. August Tindell, a member of the Incentive Review Committee, reported that the committee had met and Georg Utz., Inc. was found to be in substantial compliance. August Tindell made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.35, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Mitsuya Rashi Industries Co.) Vickie Gochenour introduced

Ray Duty representing Mitsuya Rashi Industries Co., Inc. Mr. Ray Duty requested tax abatement on real property being the construction of a warehouse at a cost of \$2,000,000. The result of this investment would be the creation of 4 additional jobs. August Tindell reported that the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Mitsuya Rashi Industries Co., Ltd. to be in substantial compliance. Council Member John Brown gave his tax abatement "101" explanation. August Tindell moved to approve the Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 36, 2004, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE UTILITY SERVICE BOARD AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Keith Reeves briefly explained the utility budget for 2005. He indicated it was a typical budget for utilities. He spoke of the tough issues that would face Utilities in the near future. George Dutro made a motion to approve the budget. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.37, 2004, RESOLUTION TO WAIVE NON-COMPLIANCE." William Faulkner, attorney representing Arvin-Meritor explained the need for action to waive non-compliance as is related to the tax abatement for real property in 2001. Discussion followed. It was reported that with the approval of this Resolution the 10 year tax abatement period would start over and the 10 year period would begin with the signing of this Resolution. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1. John Brown voted against the Resolution.
- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.38, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE CLERK-TREASURER, AND THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM TO REDUCE CITY APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 BUDGET AS NECESSARY." Oakel Hardy presented this Resolution. He indicated this Resolution had been presented in past years. Once the Department of Local Government Finance adjusts the 2005 City budget, this Resolution would allow the city appropriations for 2005 to be reduced as necessary. John Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2004, A

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA." Tom Vujovich presented this Resolution. Bruce Donaldson, attorney for Baker & Daniels and Mike Claytor of Crowe Chizek were available for any questions. Brief discussion followed. John Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1. August Tindell voted against the motion.

III. Other Business

- A. No reports were given.
- B. The next scheduled meeting of the Common Council is Monday, January 3, 2005 in the Council Chambers.
- C. Mayor Armstrong read a proclamation in honor of John Brown, leaving as council member. Mayor Armstrong also presented him with a key to the City. Martha Myers, President Pro Tem spoke on behalf of the Council and thanked him for being on the Council since 1992. John Brown spoke. He thanked everyone and wished the City well. A reception followed.
- D. Adjourn - Mayor Armstrong adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer